

Four of D.E. Club Attain State and National Offices

Two Joplin Junior College students were elected to state offices at the Distributive Education convention March 10-11 in Jefferson City. Jackie Treat is the new state historian and Arlene Marrs the state parliamentarian. Ed Showalter and Bob Braxton were elected as delegates to the national convention to be held in April at Richmond, Virginia.

Joplin Junior College rated first place in all of the contests entered. Louis Cowan, Ed Showalter, Janice Hargis, and Syl Adkins represented J.J.C. in the window display contest. Arlene Marrs and Ed Showalter were active in public speaking, also.

Thursday morning the students participated in a tour of the State Capitol, the Governor's mansion, and the Alcoa reformatory. A banquet was held Thursday night at which James R. Stratton, distributive education director, acted as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Pat Wardlow, Commissioner of Vocational Education, was guest speaker at the banquet. A feature of this session was the style show in which Janice Hargis, Jackie Treat, Arlene Marrs, and Margaret Daughtery participated. The highlights Friday were the contests.

The ten J.J.C. students who attended the convention are Syl Adkins, Arlene Marrs, Louis Cowan, Ed Showalter, Janice Hargis, Barbara Rogers, Rex Rogers, Bob Braxton, Jackie Treat, and Margaret Daughtery.

NAM Representative Outlines Prospects

Freeman Johnson, mayor of Joplin, spoke in assembly March 23. His speech was "What is Ahead For College Graduates? Industry's Concept as to What They Could and Should Look Forward to in Industry." Mr. Johnson represented the National Association of Manufacturers, who presented the assembly particularly for the business students.



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Wife of Dr. Stephens, Alumni President, Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Jerry Stephens, wife of Dr. James E. Stephens, died Saturday morning, March 12, in Jane Chinn Hospital at Webb City, Missouri.

Even though Mrs. Stephens did not attend J.J.C., she was an enthusiastic friend of the College. She participated in many activities and always assisted the Alumni Board and Dr. Stephens, president of the Alumni Association.

Besides her husband, she leaves two children, Julia Ann and James Jeffries.

Senior Leaders to Visit J.C. Thursday

The third annual Citizenship Day will be held here at Joplin Junior next Thursday, March 31. The day is a project of the Good Will Committee of the Chamber of Commerce who invites the outstanding senior boy and girl of each high school in the district to attend.

The seniors will be welcomed to the College Thursday morning by Dr. Maurice L. Litton. Short talks will be given by several members of the faculty and then the students will be shown around.

The best boy and girl citizens are chosen from each school for their merits in service, leadership, personality, and scholarship, but they are not necessarily the valedictorians.

Last year 34 students attended the honor day and seven of them are attending J.J.C. this semester.

The outstanding citizens will represent six counties of the district: Barry, Barton, Lawrence, Newton, Jasper, and McDonald.

Two Religious Assemblies Set For Easter Week

Two assemblies will be held in observance of Easter. The first will be a speaker sponsored by the Joplin Ministerial Alliance and the second will be the ninth annual Easter assembly put on by the Y.W.C.A.

The Y.W.C.A. will present a play, "The Challenge of the Cross" at 11 o'clock, Wednesday, April 7. The story revolves around an angel sent down from heaven to enlist disciples, five of whom are unworthy because they wish to bear a cross of their own choosing.

Members of the play cast are Alice Bauman, Marcia Jones, Audree Morgan, Joyce Connelly, Nancy Nearing, Kay Roland, and Marie Jeffries. Background music will be sung by a choir composed of Pat Holland, Myrna Goode, Toby Baker, Eleanor Damer, Rose Gallemore, Barbara Juhnke, and Elizabeth Robards.

Following the play, the Lord's Prayer will be presented in modern dance. The dancers are Betty Board, Linda Spangler, Suzanne Jackson, Jackie Treat, and Elsie Frazier.

The play will be directed by Marie Jeffries and the dance by Patty Gray. Miss Martha McCormick, one of the Y.W.C.A. sponsors, is in charge of the assembly.

Four-Day Easter Vacation

Easter vacation at Joplin Junior College will begin at the close of class sessions on Thursday, April 7. Classes will reconvene on Tuesday, April 12.

Janice Hargis To Receive Title 'Miss Queensize'

Janice Hargis will reign as "Miss Queensize of 1955." Chosen by B. H. Dean Inc., creators of Queensize Diamond rings, she leaves Joplin today to take her throne at the Kansas Jewelers' Convention, being held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, in Wichita.

Selected over entrants of college age from 500 cities in 11 midwestern states, Janice will be hostess for B. H. Dean Inc. at the convention, and will be featured in their television shows and newspaper and magazine advertisements. Later, she will also represent them at the national convention.

Janice's name was submitted to the Queensize contest by her employers Mr. and Mrs. Larry McKee, who saw how well she fulfilled the qualifications, "personable, charming, and intelligent."

Mr. and Mrs. McKee and Janice will make the trip to Wichita by car.

Dale Bebee Takes Air Academy Exams

Dale Bebee, freshman from Neosho, journeyed last week to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, to take examinations in conjunction with his nomination as candidate to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Representative Thomas Hennings notified Bebee of the nomination to the newly-formed Academy which will open to classes next September.

Business Honor Society to Hold Initiation for 16

Sixteen will be initiated into Pi Alpha Pi, at 7:30 tonight in the College library. Students to be initiated include the following:

Billy Joe Weaver, Oronogo; Jack Armstrong, Diamond; Betty Board, Webb City; Phyllis Brooks, Webb City; Jimmie Donoho, Neosho; Orin Feters, Joplin; Ann Hickam, Webb City; Barbara Juhnke, Joplin; Camille Kimes, Joplin; James LePage, Sarcoxie; Arlene Marrs, Carthage; Jackie Treat, Carthage; Barbara Joan Ward, Joplin; Jo Ann Williams, Reeds; Glen Dwane Wilson, Joplin; LaDonna Wilson, Joplin.

The purpose of Pi Alpha Pi is to promote scholarship, to create an interest in and understanding of the business world, and to encourage each member to develop himself to a higher level of leadership, personality, and service.

To be eligible for election to membership, a student must either be enrolled in Pre-Business Administration, General Business, or Distributive Education; or, if enrolled in any curriculum other than those, he must be carrying at least six credit hours of business subjects in one semester. Furthermore, he must have a grade point average of 2.0 and be carrying an accumulative average of 12 hours per week.

Joplin Officials Go To Accrediting Meet

Dr. Maurice L. Litton, dean of Joplin Junior College, left Wednesday, March 23, to attend the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Roy W. Greer, principal of Joplin High School, accompanied him to the meeting which will end today.

"Enduring Values in Education" was the program theme for the sixtieth annual conference of the regional accrediting agency.

National Arts and Science Honor Fraternity Admits 21 in Candlelight Ceremony



(courtesy of the Globe)

From left to right, the 1954-55 Phi Theta Kappa members include:

First row - - Marie Jeffries, Shirley Kirby, LaDonna Wilson

Joyce Connelly, Elizabeth Robards, Joanna Green, Helen Barbee, Joanne Furner, Jean Johnson, Mary Rutherford, Eleanor Damer and Shirley Costley.

Second row - - Bob Bretches, Bob Bridger, Allan Kirch, J. B. Tucker, John Webb, Jack Armstrong, Kay Roland, Ruth McKenney, Joan Boyd, Valeria Fle-

sher, Judith Wallace, Ron Richardson, Charles Garde, Dan Jackson, Gerald McDaniel, Roger Davis and Gilbert Davidson.

Those not present when the picture was taken are Jerry Evans, Larry Pigg, Patty Deatherage and Betty Jarvis.

College Musicians Participate In Festival Events

Junior College musicians participated actively in the seventeenth annual Joplin Public Schools Music Festival held March 15 through 18. Ten vocal soloists, two ensembles, four piano soloists, and the College Choir represented J.J.C. in the three-day event in which more than 3,000 students from 59 schools in the area participated.

Dr. Robert M. Taylor of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, auditioned the College vocal soloists Wednesday night, March 16, in the high school auditorium. They were Louis Cowan, Ruth McKenney, Harold Manker, Robert G. Bacon, Fred Land, Bill Nickel, Rose Gallemore, Sue Cookerly, Suzanne Jackson, and Toby Jean Baker. Also on this program the Triple Trio and Male Ensemble, composed of college students, received constructive criticism from Dr. Taylor.

Betty Cross, clarinet soloist, played Wednesday night at West Central. Albert D. Schmutz, K.S.-T.C., Emporia, was her critic.

Thursday morning, March 17, Elizabeth Robards, Ann Cowan, Elsie Frazier, and Toby Jean Baker played piano solos before Dr. Milton H. Rusch of Wisconsin State College, in the high school auditorium.

The College Choir, under the direction of Oliver Sovereign, was the largest college group participating in the festival. Dr. Taylor was their critic as they sang Thursday afternoon at South Junior High School.

Miss Drummond Gives Two Talks to Y.W.C.A.

Miss Edna Drummond, Dean of Women, talked on the subject, "Courtship and Marriage" at the March 9 and 15 meetings of Y.W.C.A. Luncheon Club.

The Y.W.C.A. presented a silver serving tray to Miss Drummond as a token of appreciation for the many years she has spoken to their organization.



Frankel and Ryder Demonstrate Creative Dance

Emily Frankel and Mark Ryder, husband and wife modern dance team, presented a delightful and informative assembly program Wednesday, March 9, in the college auditorium. The team entertained a large crowd of students

and guests describing their dancing techniques and illustrating their techniques in their dancing.

Frankel and Ryder began their program speaking informally to the audience, first telling about the career and background of one another. Then the team explained their theory of the combination ballet and dramatic dance which they originated saying, "We feel dancers must be thinking about the ideas they are trying to communicate if the audience is to understand the meaning behind the dance."

Mark Ryder demonstrated this point by doing a simple walk and rock ballet step, first without thought and then redoing the step with a definite situation in mind. The first step appeared blank and colorless while the second dramatized step brought out their theory as it communicated the realization of someone's being chased to the audience.

Following a duo by the team, Emily Frankel dramatized a lovely lady who killed her lover after desperate attempts to keep the imagined lover from leaving her. The solo dance ended as the lovely lady depicted justified herself for her deed.

A story of both humor and horror was the next attraction as the team dramatized the changing of a sophisticated woman, Emily Frankel, into a limp useless puppet by a person who was already in that state, Mark Ryder.

Their finale was the story of a woman's life as she was born, grew into womanhood, loved, matured into old age and died. In this ballet dramatization, Ryder, playing the part of a spirit, led the woman, Frankel, through life.

Between numbers one of the team explained to the audience the impression which they were try-

ing to communicate. This was done with the exception of the finale after which they asked the audience to give their impressions. The correct impression was received by many in the audience showing the ability of the performers to carry out their theory of performer-audience communication.

The team again spoke informally with the audience following their dancing, requesting persons in the audience to ask them questions about their dancing or about themselves. At this point, Arnold Irwin rocked the auditorium with laughter as he asked Mrs. Ryder, "Where did he pick you up?" Mr. Irwin meant to ask Mrs. Ryder, "Why did he pick you up?" referring to a portion of the last dance depicting a woman's life. Mrs. Ryder, who was a bit flustered, straightened out the misunderstanding tactfully.

The dance team, who in private life are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ryder, began dancing together in 1949. Their first season, in which they created the program, costumes and scenery, and booked and managed themselves, culminated in a highly successful New York debut. They were received with such acclaim that they rapidly became the most popular concert duo in the country.

Each season their tours have become greater. In these last five years, they have performed in 200 cities, for six weeks in Israel, at Jacob's Pillow, New London American dance festival, and in dancers and co-producers of the Dance Drama Company.

New Boys' Ensemble Sings at Lion's Club

A newly-formed musical group at J.J.C., the Male Ensemble, made its debut at a meeting of the Lions' club March 8 along with an appearance of the Triple Trio.

The ensemble, composed of John Tyler, Louis Cowan, Leroy Chapman, Ron Richardson, Fred Land, Don Henson, J.T. Goodman, Robert Bacon, Scotty Chamberlain, Harold Manker, Keith Sovereign, and Carl Taylor, sang "Surrey With The Fringe On Top," "The Gospel Train," and "Sophomoric Philosophy."

Selections presented by the Triple Trio were "Italian Street Song," "Babylon," and "Cobblers Jig."

The Male Ensemble also appeared with the J.J.C. Choir, March 10, at the teachers conference at South Junior High School. They sang "Sophomoric Philosophy."

The Choir and Triple Trio, under the direction of Oliver Sovereign, gave a performance at the March meeting of the Rotary Club in the Connor Hotel.

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W.U.S. Speaker To Talk March 30

Peyton Short from Dallas, Texas, will speak at an assembly next Wednesday about the work of the World University Service. According to Miss Vera Steininger, Y.W.C.A. sponsor, "the purpose of the World University Service is to help foreign students with their struggle to obtain an education." Girls with collection plates will be at the door, so that everyone will have an opportunity to contribute.

Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. groups will sell apples and shine shoes as a part of the World University fund-raising campaign. Tuesday, March 29, will be set aside by the Y.W. as "Apple Munch Day," The Y.M. will shine shoes, charging a specific fee for one shoe and an extra amount for more than one.

Reservations Coming In for 1955 Banquet

Several reservations for the Alumni-Student banquet, to be held May 6 in the Empire Room of the Connor Hotel, have already come in, according to Miss Dorothy Stone.

One thousand invitations to the annual affair, sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Student Senate, have been sent to former students. Reservations for the banquet can be obtained from Miss Stone or the other Alumni sponsors, Orle Cheatham and James Willey, or from any member of the Student Senate.

Story of a Semester

(In Two Parts)

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Joplin Lions Capture Third Honors In Region 16 State Tournament

Hillosopher's Corner

Jackie Cox

Springtime in hillosopher's corner brings about a familiar disease, spring fever. We don't mind this though. It gives us a chance to sit down and talk about baseball, another thing that springtime brings.

Now that we talk baseball we get involved with a large number of questions. Will the Cardinals beat out the other clubs for the pennant? Will Stan Musial win the batting crown? Can Harvey Haddix win 200 games? Of course, we discuss the possibilities of the Kansas City Athletics.

Down here in hillosopher's corner we don't make predictions; we only talk. So with a good case of spring fever, and a bunch of questions, we will probably sit here until Harry Carey comes on with his, "swung on and there it goes."

Well, here I go - - -

My bit of hillosophy for this time is "Never get so high up that you can't take the shock out of a fall by bending your knees."

Cagemen Beat Wentworth Cadets To Open Tourney

Joplin Junior College, aided by the marksmanship of the Lions' center, Eddie Nealy, who posted a 32-point performance in the Juco loopsters' 83-61 win over Wentworth Military Academy, moved into semifinal play of the Region 16 Tournament, March 2-4, at Moberly, Missouri.

Nealy bucketed 23 of his 32 points in the first half and added the other nine early in the second period. Forward Dick Hammond was second with 13 points.

Before the Wentworth five realized the quick starts handed out by the Lions, the Cadets trailed 7-0 and were never able to overcome the all-powerful cagemen of Joplin. Score at half-time was a wide 43-19 spread.

All nine members of the Joplin squad saw action and all shared in point-making. The win set the Lions against Moberly in the semifinal playoffs.

Golf, Tennis, and Track To Be Main Spring Attractions

Coach Dudley Stegge called a meeting March 9 in the College auditorium to determine who would like to participate in tennis, golf, and track, the three main sports attractions in store for this spring.

The golf and tennis teams will consist of members chosen by a process of elimination. Players are paired and will compete against each other with the winners making up the team. All interested in track will see action as the number coming out is limited.

Juco uses the four-man team in golf, instead of the six-man squad usually required for the sport. According to Coach Stegge, tennis will consist of the regulation number of players. Track will be the smallest group for its type of events. The total expected to show for track will probably not exceed half a dozen.

Ed Nealy, King of the Hardwoods



Every school has what is known in sports as a great. Joplin Junior College is no exception.

Eddie Nealy, a sophomore from Webb City, Missouri, has completed a couple of college cage seasons at J.J.C. and has set quite a record. During the 1954-55 season, Ed scored 492 points in 23 games for an average of over 21 Points per game. Highlighting Nealy's hardwood career with the Lions is his unanimous selection to the Missouri all-Juco honorary basketball squad, picked by a mail vote of six top Missouri junior college coaches. Nealy was one of four unanimously chosen members of the twelve-man team.

Ed not only shows athletic ability on the basketball court but he also makes a good showing on the golf links where he brings home more glory to J.J.C. Nealy plans to continue in college and basketball. A successful future in basketball is in store for Ed if he manages to continue as well as he has proven to be at JUCO. Good luck, Ed! You deserve it.



Ron Richardson, Dick Hammond Hit 22 Points Each

Third place honors of the Region 16 Tournament fell in the hands of Joplin Junior College as the Lions, paced by forwards Ron Richardson and Dick Hammond, stopped Jefferson City, 82-72, in the basketball tournament, March 2-4, held at Moberly, Missouri.

Richardson and Hammond, a pair of recent starters, each netted 22 points in the third-place scramble. Center Ed Nealy dropped in 13 points to bring his total for the year to 492 points. Guards Ralph Brock and Drexel Harris each contributed ten points to the victory.

Jumping to an early 7-2 lead, Buddy Ball's cagers were never headed and held a 46-31 advantage at the half. Early in the second stanza, the locals moved ahead to a 25-point margin which was the largest edge held by the Lions in the game.

The victory wrapped up cage play at the College and gave the Lions a record of 11 wins to 12 setbacks.

Lions Defeated In Semifinals, 87-70

Unable to overcome the powerful Greyhounds of Moberly, Joplin was defeated in the semifinals of the Region 16 Tournament, 87-70, by Moberly, Missouri, March 5 on the Greyhounds' home court where the college basketball tournament was held.

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